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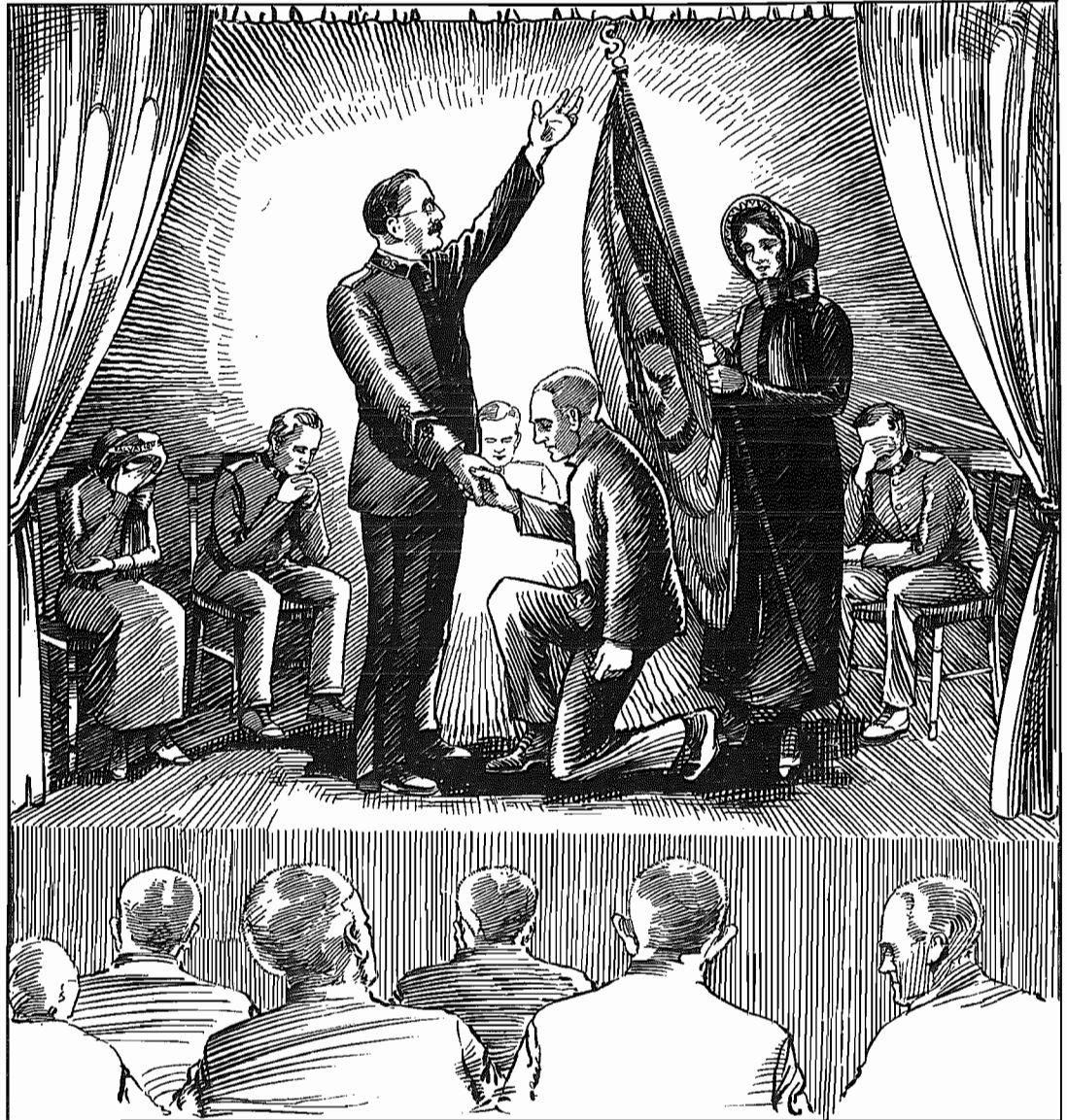
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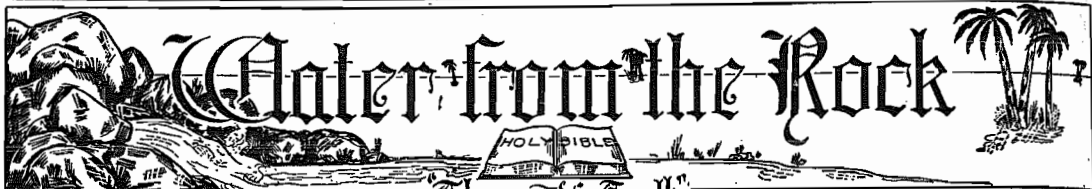
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HENRY C. HODDER, Commissioner.



Commissioner Hodder enrolls a prisoner as a Salvation Soldier at the Manitoba Provincial Jail. (See page 7)



The Sweetest Place

HOME after all is said and done,
Is just about the best.
Of places underneath the sun,
Where hearts are happiest.
The wanderer in countries far,
Beyond the ocean foam,
Has memories of a beacon star,
The distant light of Home.

Go wander as you will the earth,
In many a foreign place.
You'll find no other treasure worth,
The smile on mother's face.
Amid rare mountain glories you,
With soul enrapt, may roam,
Yet when your journeying is through
You'll wander back to Home.

For home is quite the dearest place,
Beneath the vaulted sky.
And mother's is the dearest face,
That e'er one may decay.
Her little kingdom is the best,
Her heart the purest tome,
The soul may know the happiness,
The sweetest place is Home.

(The above poem was written by a prisoner while spending a term in a western jail.)

A Radio Parallel

Splendid Lesson from a Wonderful Discovery

RECEIVING instruments are capable of being tuned with great precision, so that the sender and receiver of a message work in complete harmony. If either the sender or the receiver altered his wave-length, the two instruments would no longer be in tune, and the message would be lost.

When a radio operator tunes his receiving instrument to receive the particular wave length so as to hear the message from some other station, he will be out of tune with other stations, and can listen in without fear of overlapping. It does happen at times that two or three stations are talking on the same wave-length, but it is generally possible to dim down or tune out the unwanted stations.

To study radio further is to be amazingly impressed with the striking parallels between this marvel and the fact of communication with God. The radio enthusiast, who is a Christian, ought to be an expert—an enthusiast in all that pertains to the prayer life!

Scripture Enigma

Who prayed for death in dark despair,
To what did Christ Himself compare,
What Queen was fairest of the fair,
Now either way the initials place,
And still the selfsame name they give,
Of one who sunk in deep disgrace,
Did yet a glorious hope receive.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S BIBLE KNOWLEDGE TESTERS

1. Herodius. Mark 6:19.
2. Acts 21:40 and 26:16.
3. Uzziah. II Chronicles 26:15.
4. Custom in Israel when redeeming land. Ruth 4:8.
5. Joshua. Zechariah 3:3.
6. Five times. II Corinthians 11:24.
7. Daniel 3:20-21.
8. Ezekiel. Ezekiel 3:2.

Hope, The Star of The Soul

The Following Sermonette is the Result of a Prisoner's Meditation in the Cell of a Canadian Jail After His Acceptance of Christ

"And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger."—Luke 15:17.

THE above text, which is part of the parable of the Prodigal Son, no doubt tells us that the son was thinking of the past, thinking of the day perhaps, when he left home to go out into the world, ignoring his parents' advice. I suppose he was thinking of his father's advice and his mother's tears, thinking of his friends, friends who had led him into sin, and when they had got all they could out of him, they left him; thinking of the present, with its loathsome surroundings; of the future and what he should do with himself.

It is always encouraging to find a young man thinking. Well might the poet sing

"In solitude I often come
And find my sweetest joy."
and so it is with us. As we sit alone and think, very often these thoughtful periods are the most precious moments of our life; they are full of hope. O, if he had stopped sooner and thought, things would certainly have been different; he would never have gone so far. But now it is too late, his time has been lost, his money gone, his character ruined, and the world has turned its back upon him. A sad, sad picture.

Belated Thoughts

It is, however, but the experience of thousands of men today. How many times we have said to ourselves: "If I could have only thought this a year ago, things would not be as they are." O, the need of thinkers. Men who will stop business and pleasure and think.

The fact is the great need of the age is more men who will do their

own thinking. Thought has accomplished lots of great things. Without thought the world is ruin. With it the world is one ever-blooming flower garden, yielding its sweet perfume to the patient toiler.

Consider Thyself

If we go back in the history of arts and inventions we shall see an Englishman seated under a tall oak tree. He spies a spider spinning its web from tree to tree. He goes home and shuts himself in his room, where he remains for days, and when he comes out of his room he astonishes the whole world with a plan for a suspension bridge. You say he was a genius. No, he was a thinker. But what shall we as young men consider? What book shall we study? There is no greater book than self.

It is well enough to be fitted for life. But whatever you do, don't fail to think of God. O young men, come and talk of God and Jesus Christ. O that you could see Him—the Crucified One and that you could get a glimpse of Gethsemane's garden and there behold the agonizing Christ as He wrestles with the load of sin that sinners might have Salvation through a simple acceptance of His offering. Come to yourself and you will have achieved a mighty victory.

It is the only road to Heaven, the straight and narrow way. It is not always pleasant, it is not always cheerful, there will be things to beset us, but if we only trust in Him, Who doeth all things well, everything will come out right in the end.

—One Who Thought Too Late.

Daily Bible Meditations

Sunday—I Sam. 30: 1-2. "David was greatly distressed . . . but David encouraged himself in the Lord." Things certainly looked black for David, his family were prisoners, his followers disheartened and bitter, ready to kill their leader. No wonder he was distressed. But David was not alone—he still had God, and a quiet time in His Presence gave him such comfort and encouragement that he went out and won more than had been taken from him.

Monday—1 Sam. 30: 13-26. "My master left me because I fell sick." How differently God treats His servants! In weakness and illness He is especially near, and wakeful nights and painful days are soothed and comforted by His Presence. Instead of leaving His servants when they are ill and useless, God has special care for them then. To know God fully you must know Him in sickness!

Tuesday—1 Sam. 31: 1-13. The death of Saul. The men of Jabesh Gilead had a long memory for kindness. They never forgot how Saul had rescued them years before from a cruel enemy. At last a chance came to repay him, and at great personal risk they rescued the bodies of Saul and his sons from Philistine insults. They little thought that their brave deed would be recorded through the ages.

Wednesday—Luke 1: 1-12. "That thou mightest Luke." Though there were no Corps Cadets when Luke wrote this Gospel, probably under Paul's direction, yet his wish for Theophilus fits our needs perfectly today. We want our young Salvationists not to take things for granted, but to search God's word for themselves so that they may "know the certainty" of the instruction given them.

Thursday—Luke 1: 13-23. Thy prayer is heard." For years Zacharias had prayed, most likely daily, for a son. At first he expected an answer, but as the years went on, his prayer became such a form that when the answer came he declared it impossible. Many people who pray for things would probably be utterly amazed if told "Thy prayer is heard."

Friday—Luke 1: 26-38. "Be it unto Me according to Thy word." No more beautiful response could be given to any promise or command from God. Circumstances are not allowed to place difficulties in the way, but faith and obedience have full sway in such a heart, and with "such sacrifices God is well pleased."

Saturday—Luke 1: 39-56. Elizabeth and Mary. Elizabeth had seen no angel. Through all these months of waiting, writing was the only means of communication she could have with her husband. But God Himself revealed Mary's wonderful privilege to her before the cousins had time to talk to each other. They had sweet communion together in that "hill country" home.

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THE SALVATION ARMY YEAR BOOK

"DEEDS, not words."

Deeds in all times, and to-day more than ever, in matters of faith, men demand not theory, but practice; not creed, but conduct. "Give us," say they, "a religion that works." We have no use for dogmatic hair-splitting and quibbling about ritual. Show us a man whose religion makes him a kinder parent, a stauncher friend, a better citizen. That religion will be good enough for me."

A Mine of Information

The Salvation Army Year Book for 1924, from which the above extract is taken, is a publication which no Salvationist can afford to be without. It is a mine of information on subjects such as all who are at all interested in The Army should be acquainted with. Its instructive pages abound with a multitude of facts and the articles written in illuminative style are such as would commend the interest

of all. It is an up-to-date compendium of Salvation Army intelligence, and a valuable aid to the Salvationist who wishes to have reliable information at his elbow.

People are frequently asking "What does The Salvation Army do with its money?" This is featured in the Year Book and some misconceptions are also dealt with. "The Salvation Army in a Nutshell" also demonstrates very clearly what The Army stands for. About some 1,500 Staff Officers, a most interesting and instructive "Who's Who in The Salvation Army" has been compiled, and every student of Army personalities would do well to be possessed of it.

Ammunition for Salvationists. The maps, diagrams, and tables with which the little book abounds, the dates of the main Army events fixed for the ensuing year, and much other valuable information all go to

PRISON WORK IN WESTERN CANADA

Results Which Follow The Army's Efforts for the Salvation of Long-time Convicts

By Lieut. E. Allen

WE now have working in one of our Institutions a man—of German nationality—who was one of the most expert burglars ever handled by the police in this country. It seemed that he had made up his mind to "go crooked"—do what people would to prevent him—until he came in touch with The Army—and God. Then people saw a miracle. The thief became an honest man and for four years now he has proved the power of God in his life. He came out of prison with nothing but an evil record. Today he is happy in a position of trust and owns his own property.

Another man who came to us was one of the most unscrupulous men known to this continent.

He knew little as a youth about real religion. When but a young man—move as a jerk than anything—he stole thirty cents, and for this got a prison sentence of three years. This so embittered him that he determined to fight society, and fight it he did. He served terms in practically every large prison on the North American Continent, and when he first came in touch with The Army, he was under detention in the Manitoba Provincial Prison. He never had much use for "religious fellows," and though he attended the Meetings held he thought little of God or the needs of his soul. As soon as he got out of jail he immediately went back to his old habits and while under the influence of liquor impersonated a priest and forged cheques for a considerable sum of money. This landed him back in the prison where he served two years.

During that time he began to think more of the future and upon receiving his liberty came to The Army Hostel. No sooner did he find himself a free man than the old temptations came crowding in upon him and nearly mastered him, but before they did so, he sought the help of The Army Officer and fought out the battle in the strength of the Lord.

Three days later he attended an Army Meeting and testified that for the first time in his life he had victory over sin. That was four months ago and he is still saved and a respected citizen of his town.

A young man from the Old Country got into trouble through misappropriating funds from the firm which he employed him. He did this in order that he might get a side business together himself—and intended to return the money as soon as he became established. In the meantime the firm became suspicious and accused him. He confessed, and said he would give them all he had if they would pardon him for his wife's sake. This they promised to do, but as soon as they had got the money they took out a summons and had the young man placed in jail for eighteen months.

Almost in despair he attended some of The Army Meetings in prison and became deeply concerned about his soul. One afternoon a Soldier of The Army came to him and told him of seeing him swear allegiance to the Heavenly King; and from that time on he has lived a godly life. He has begun to witness for God among his fellow prisoners. He gives a fine clear-cut testimony, and only recently that he might get a side business together himself—and intended to return the money as soon as he became established. In the meantime the firm became suspicious and accused him. He confessed, and said he would give them all he had if they would pardon him for his wife's sake. This they promised to do, but as soon as they had got the money they took out a summons and had the young man placed in jail for eighteen months.

One cannot speak too highly of the kind and courteous treatment given The Army's Officers by the wardens of these institutions. They have, at all times, warmly received these officials, who are ever ready to help any cause on behalf of the men under their care.

Some Facts, Figures and Stories Showing What The Army Did During the Past Year for the Men Behind the Bars

By BRIGADIER SIMS, Men's Social Secretary

FIGURES and cold statistics are not the best means of conveying to our friends the extent of work that is being done by The Salvation Army for the man behind prison bars, or for those who have not yet seen the great iron gates shut behind them but have visions of such things becoming a reality when as first offenders they stand in the prisoner's dock.

To relate that during the past year in Western Canada alone our Officers have made over two thousand visits

to The Salvation Army's request and promise to maintain an interest in the lad, released him on parole after serving just one half the sentence.

I am aware that there are some who question the sincerity of the ex-prisoner and ask "Do they make good?" Let the writer, simply state this fact, and let it be the answer. Less than a month ago the writer met in one day four men who had each been inmates of a penitentiary. They came under the influence of The Salvation Army



PRISON OFFICIALS WHO ARE WARM ARMY FRIENDS

Governor Downie of the Manitoba Provincial Jail; Warden Meighen of the Stony Mountain Penitentiary; and Warden Cooper of the British Columbia Penitentiary

to the prisons, penitentiaries and police courts, and interviewed about 700 men, praying personally with 500 of them, in their endeavor to bring sunshine and help to those in need, is an easy task, but to make pen reveal what those visits, interviews and prayers have been the means of accomplishing is impossible. A broken-hearted mother pleads for her son; she does not excuse him for his wrong, but prays that he may be saved from the prison cell. Always a good lad until he got mixed up with a billiard room gang, he has robbed his employer, who is determined to have revenge, seeing that the lad is unable to make restitution. Our Officers interview the employer, who becomes somewhat softened, and offers no objection to The Salvation Army interceding for the lad with the Crown prosecutor and Magistrate, and upon the lad being released on condition of future good behaviour, returns to him his position. Can anyone estimate the joy that comes to the mother's heart, yea, perhaps years added to her life, and grey hairs withheld.

Such stories could be multiplied, and the prayers of scores of parents day by day ascend to Heaven that God may bless The Salvation Army for what they did for "my boy."

During the past year, more than one hundred men, some of them not more than mere youths, have been restored to their parents or friends, or reinstated in their former situations. Scarcely a mail arrives but contains some letter beseeching The Salvation Army to try to locate a son, a father, or husband, and often the lost one has been located behind the prison bars.

Found in Prison

A sister writes to the effect that her brother, always so regular in his correspondence, has not written for a year, and letters sent are returned "not called for." The Salvation wheel commences to move and in a prison in Canada West the brother is found. We will not give details of the crime for which the sentence of two years, less a day was pronounced, but speak of the sister's joy when informed that the Minister of Justice had, in reply

during that period, and today are doing well, and have been since their release which is from two to five years ago. So much in reply to the oft repeated query, "Do they stand?"

Practically every prison in Canada West is visited by The Salvation Army, and in a single year over five hundred services are held. In these Meetings testimonies are given as to the power of God to save from sin, and at times an expression will tell the change that religion has made in a prisoner's life. Such testimonies cannot fail to have good results, and be a means of encouragement to others. Today in one penitentiary a long term man is the organizer, and soundly converted, the officials testifying to the reality of the change, while in another prison an inmate is leader of a Bible class and testifies before his fellow prisoners of Salvation, and the men believe in him. So do the officials.

Five Hundred Services

It is true that during the past year more than one hundred men have made profession of Salvation and all have not endured, but who can tell what is the outcome of five hundred services held yearly behind prison bars.

No man, on his release from prison, needs to seek the path of crime for a livelihood, because of unemployment as The Salvation Army guarantees to stand by any and every man until work is obtained. In this connection, during the past year, over two thousand meals and about seven hundred beds, also thousands of articles of clothing have been given to men to tide them over the days between release and obtaining work. Fares to situations are also paid when necessary. Let this illustrate:

A Salvation Army march on Main Street, Winnipeg; a man from the sidewalk steps up to an Officer in the march and slips a ten dollar bill into his hand and whispers "for the meals and beds you gave me when I came out, you know."

"Those words tell a story, but not the whole story of an ex-prisoner's reclamation.

So, The Salvation Army wheel goes around, its Officers go on toiling, the

Thirteen Prisoners Seek Salvation at Regina

At our last Prison Meeting in Regina many hands were raised for prayer and thirteen men came out to the front and sought Salvation.

A week or two ago I interviewed a young man who was to be released in a few days. The boy comes from a good and well-to-do family. He asked me to write a letter to his mother who was very sick and he believed she was dying of a broken heart over his trouble.

I wrote the letter telling his mother that her boy was converted and would soon be home again.

I received an answer from his mother who was so pleased to know her prayers were answered.

A few days after I met the boy at the Regina Station and he came and spoke to me and thanked me for my little service. He boarded the train and went on his journey to Toronto.

A day or so ago in company with Ensign Anty I went to the Detention Home to interview a prisoner and received a hearty invitation from the Governor to conduct Services in the Home.

We are making arrangements to take the Regina Citadel Band out on the 25th of January and give the boys a Musical evening.

We are very busy with Relief work and are finding many deserving poor and are doing our best to assist them.

W. Beattie, Adjutant.

Helping the Poor and the Prisoners in the Twin Cities

The Port Arthur and Fort William Officers and Comrades were very busy during the Christmas season dispensing cheer and blessing to the needy. A good response was made to the Christmas appeal and the pots boiled merrily for three days. Fifty-five families in the Twin Cities were given Christmas hampers and forty-five homeless men were given a dinner. In addition to this some eighty people at the hospitals and the inmates of the Provincial Jail received a little remembrance.

On Friday, January 3rd, a party consisting of Ensign and Mrs. Waterston, Ensign Fox, Ensign Freeman, Capt. Mead, Capt. Fugelsang, Lieuts. Farr and Weeks, C.S.M. and Mrs. Welch and Bandsman Sill journeyed to the Industrial Farm where a nice program of music and song was rendered to the inmates. This was heartily enjoyed by all present and at the close the prisoners requested that they might be allowed to put on an item. Consent was readily given, and a number of men left the room. Everybody wondered what was coming but we were not long in guessing. The prisoners soon came back with numerous instruments of a culinary character. The conductor stood to the front and the "Burlesque Band" rendered an item which will not be readily forgotten by those present. Boxes of chocolates were distributed.

E. Waterston, Ensign.

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man behind the prison bars is encouraged to hope for the dawn of a brighter day, and the fact that, during the past year, were:

2,000 visits made to the police courts and prisons.
700 interviews with prisoners.
500 prisoners prayed with.
500 evangelical services held, and thousands of articles of clothing, meals, beds, etc., given to men on leaving prison. Many sound like as many cold figures, but, plus the toils and prayers of consecrated flesh and blood, these figures spell transformed and saved mankind.



Tattooed with the Devil

A MONG other cases which form an eloquent argument for The Army's work the following is given in "All the World":

R. E. was ten years of age when he was sent to a reformatory. Discharged at fifteen, he was received into the Boys' Home. Employment was found for him in Wales; he was put on the train but never arrived. Shortly afterwards it transpired that he had been arrested.

For several years he was lost sight of; then the Governor of a certain prison asked The Army to undertake the responsibility of what was considered to be the worst man there. On his arrival it was discovered that R. E. was the individual.

He had been dismissed from ten regiments in His Majesty's Army in disgrace. So given over to evil had become, that he had the devil tattooed on his forehead; the tattoo marks were eventually removed at a London hospital.

One night after a fight, to avoid arrest, he jumped on a passing train on which an Army Officer was riding. The Officer conducted him to an Army Meeting, where he got converted. Now, with his wife, he is a Salvationist, and their three children have been dedicated under The Army Flag.

A Prison Hero

HERO of the recent Eddyville, U.S.A., penitentiary siege, "Daddy" Warner is rejoicing today over receiving a pardon from Governor E. Morrow of Kentucky. The Charlotte "Observer" describes the incident thus:

"Daddy" Warner, nearly 70 years old, braved the line of fire between sentinels and three desperate convicts barricaded in the prison Mess Hall in order to carry water to V. B. Mattingly, one of the prison guards shot down in the revolt.

"Daddy" Warner walked feebly through the thick of the fire to care for Mattingly, who for six hours lay in the open, writhing with the pains of his death wounds. The murderous trio withheld their fire when they saw "Daddy" approaching and allowed him to bring Mattingly out of range of the shots.

This article is particularly interesting owing to the fact that Staff-Captain Smith enquired "Daddy" Warner as a Soldier in the Prison Corps at Eddyville over two years ago, and it was always Brother Warner's hope that he might end his days outside of the prison walls. It is not surprising that he should become the prison hero, for he had proven himself to be a true Salvation Army Soldier.

Helping the Women Prisoners

A MAGNIFICENT work is done by The Army in England in helping women and girl prisoners. The letters received at Headquarters from the various prisons are at once a pathetic commentary upon the sad experiences of those who write, and a tribute to the confidence the women prisoners place in the wearers of the familiar blue bonnet.

Here is a typical case dealt with in connection with the prison work. Two sisters were remanded at Holloway for soliciting. Their ages were sixteen and eighteen years respectively. Through The Army's efforts they were saved from a life of shame. One was taken to our Sydenham Home, and the other had to enter hospital, being subsequently assisted by The Army. Both sisters are now Salvationists and are doing their utmost to influence others for righteousness.

Grappling with Prison Problems

Some Practical Results Accomplished by our Neighbors to the South

HUMAN nature needs regeneration. Success of Salvationists in dealing with prison populations is ample proof of this fact.

No great storehouse of money is behind the Officers engaged in penal work, but kindness and willingness to deal with the heart side have won them an enviable place in institutions throughout the world.

The Annual American Prison Report, which has just been made public, gives some astonishing figures, and while there is space for the bare facts showing the extent of the work, the greatest part of the book is given over to what newspapers are pleased to call "human interest" stories.

An interest in The Army's Brighter Day League, and soon after he knelt in penitence to God at an Army Meeting. Some time later he began a stiff fight to secure his freedom, and the parole officers finally released him into the care of our Officers.

Today Edgar is out on the Pacific Coast, a Soldier at one of the Corps, and he's preaching the same Gospel he heard at Dannemora, where he was branded as an habitual criminal.

But what of the less desperate, ordinary town characters? Two such men were an awful bother to the authorities in a small Florida town. Whenever the police had to deal with serious trouble they looked for

SALVATION ARMY PRISON STATISTICS IN UNITED STATES FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT 1922-1923

The following gives some idea of the work done in one department of Army work during the past year.

Prison meetings held	17,491
Total attendance	890,058
Prayed with individually and advised	56,394
Conversions	8,901
War Cris and other papers distributed; copies	806,547
S. A. Soldiers (who have become such while incarcerated)	480
Brighter Day League Members	11,670
Men paroled to Army's care	586
Paroled and discharged prisoners helped	7,951

Hope is held out for all, and the way Salvationists have met the various problems is broadening in its message and of special encouragement to those who have found prison reform an unsolvable puzzle.

There is the case of Edgar, who began an eight-year sentence at the age of twenty-one in San Quentin Penitentiary. Thirteen years later he was sentenced to life imprisonment as an habitual criminal, and began "doing time" at Dannemora, N.Y. There he served four years before he first took

these ne'er-do-wells and when either of these notoriety appeared in the neighborhood citizens automatically concealed their valuables, mothers hid their children, farmers closed their barn doors and respectable men crossed the street.

Only one man in the town claimed their acquaintance, and he was the judge, who knew Bill as an able member of the chain gang, and George as an interior decorator of the city and county gaols.

But one day the two stood in court

and found no sentence forthcoming; instead, they heard the judge send out a call for a Christian person to take the incorrigibles in hand and see if religion could do what the law had failed to accomplish.

A Salvation Army Captain asked for the job, and the two no-accounts were given over to his care. Then began a battle stern and long, and—as the report states—"details of that struggle the townspeople never heard. There was no one to tell of the nights' sleep lost, the long hours of patient forbearance and passionate prayer; of the weakness, doubt, despair and disappointment through which that lover of souls waded to quicken the warped conscience and calm the feeble will. Even George and Bill themselves can but guess at a part of the price their redemption cost, and only God and the Captain know the whole story."

But this the whole community knows—the battle was won and the most reluctant have had to admit that the country's most flagrant law-breakers are "making good."

What a story of Salvation! And yet it's not out of the ordinary, for these men—the worst—are being converted in ever-increasing numbers throughout the country.

A Prison Sergeant-Major

A touching reference is made to a delegate to the Young People's Congress, who was permitted to attend from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, where he was under a life sentence. The report says:

"He is the Sergeant-Major of The Salvation Army Prison Corps there, and by virtue of this fact he was paroled by Governor Walton to attend the congress."

"Holloway left his prison garb behind, by permission of the warden, and in its stead he is wearing the dark blue Army uniform with the three red stripes of Sergeant-Majorship on the sleeve. It is interesting to note here that he will not again be asked to don the prison suit hereafter."

Combating the Conspiracy of Crime

How the Work Among the "Crim" of India Commenced

INDIA presents many perplexing problems, but few, if any, are more difficult to deal with or more urgent than the vast network, or what we may appropriately call the conspiracy of crime which overspreads the entire country in the form of Criminal Tribes whose sole occupation consists in the commission of crime, from the proceeds of which they not only support themselves, but bribe the subordinate representatives of law and order to grant them a certain amount of toleration and immunity from punishment.

In 1908 we were invited to visit Gorakhpur, where the Government proposed to make over to us some 300 Doms, who had been for some time under charge of the Police.

The people were confined at night in what were known as Dom Khannas, a kind of walled prison enclosure, where men, women and children were locked in. During the day they were allowed to go into the city, where many of them were employed and paid as city scavengers and road-sweepers. They also begged food from the people for whom they did odd jobs. It was well known that they added largely to their incomes by robbery and other crime. They were further no-



Girls of the Dom "Crim" Tribe who have been transformed by love and are now Salvationists

torious for drink, gambling and immorality. If any of them absconded—as they frequently did—when captured by the police, their captor received a reward of five rupees. This led to a system on the part of the subordinate police of leading some of them out into the country and bringing them back as captives in order to claim the reward. It was a common saying among the Doms that no one need be captured provided he had in his possession six rupees—one rupee more than the reward—to offer to the policeman as a peace-offering.

We (Commissioner and Mrs. Booth-Tucker) visited the tribe in their principal Dom Khana to talk matters over with them. They assured us that it was hopeless for us to expect them ever to give up drink or gambling. It was impossible. Still, The Salvation Army could not be any worse than the police, and they might possibly be a little better, so that we could come if we liked.

They appeared very unpromising material, but we determined to make the attempt. They were such inveterate gamblers, that when a Dom died they would put a few rupees into the hand of the dead man with which to commence gambling in the world to come.

A change was soon visible in the lives and appearance of the people. The Government were so well satisfied with the success of our efforts to reform the Doms, that other Settlements were soon organized.

Little Talks on Health

By Charles A. L. Reed, M.D.
SOMETHING ABOUT VITAMINES
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YOU may like the taste of a little fat beef or a little fat pork or some other animal fat, when it is freshly cooked, but probably do not like it as well if at all after it has been salted.

And you do not like the taste of any meats after they have been over-long in even the best of storage.

The reason is that by both processes they have partially or entirely lost their "vitamines A."

These are the mysterious nutritive substances that are soluble in oils.

They exist naturally in most, but not all, fats and oils of both plants and animals.

The loss of vitamins A from the food does not affect the system so quickly as the loss of vitamins B because we store up vitamins A in our own fats and oils, and draw upon this reserve when the outside supply is cut off.

But the continued use of food deficient in vitamins A surely results in loss of both energy and weight followed by still more serious disturbances.

This was shown in the Spanish-American War when the soldiers were fed largely either on potted meats in which the vitamins A had been practically destroyed by the cooking or on the notorious "embalmed beef" in which there had been not only destruction of these vitamins but in which putrefactive products had developed from the influence of the temperature.

Of course the vitamin question was not then understood. Vitamines had been discovered only the year before, in 1897. It takes many years for a scientific truth to be recognized by the medical profession; and, it would seem, about that much longer for it to be recognized by the military profession.

But, fortunately, time enough had elapsed for both professions to grasp the meaning of vitamins when the World War broke out. The whole question of rations was turned over to the medical services with the result that the American Expeditionary Force was the best provisioned army in history.

The World War also brought out the value of a full vitamin diet among the soldiers, as shown by their high energy and efficiency index as contrasted with the low energy and efficiency index of civilian populations who were deprived of their butter fat, eggs and wheat—the three great vitamin-carrying articles of diet.

One of the unexpected early effects of these low vitamin diets among of the civil population were symptoms of low nutrition nearly always associated with a particular form of sore eyes, all of which symptoms promptly vanished when our civilian relief service supplied the missing articles of diet.

Vitamins A occur in largest proportions in butter fat, egg yolk and whole wheat flour, and are lowest in the pure white wheat flour and in vegetable fats.

Next Week. Frost Bites and Freezing.

Life is Too Short

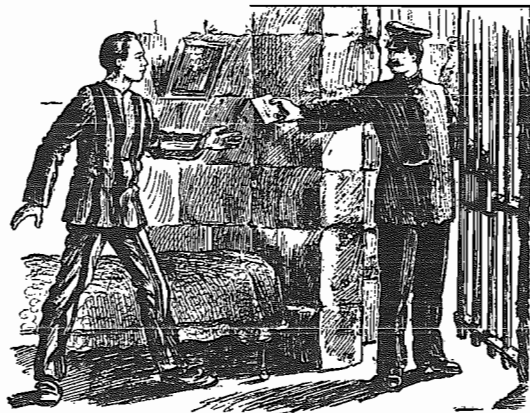
1. To preach from a small text.
2. To live on a small scale.
3. To throw away time on dissipation, foolishness, and sin.
4. To say unkind things, or do unkind deeds.
5. To love the devil what belongs to God.
6. To remember slights or insults.
7. To cherish grudges that rob me of happiness.
8. To waste time in doing things that are of no value.
9. To be no making friends because I am too busy making money.
10. To give my youth to the devil and my old age to God.
11. To dream of tomorrow when I may never have one.
12. To put off making a confession of Christ to now. All I am ever sure of is NOW.

THE ARTIST'S FALL

He Counterfeited Dollar Bills and Found Himself in Prison, Where He Found Christ

UP and down, up and down—restlessly the man paced the length of his narrow prison cell. For ten long years it had been his living tomb. Now the day of his deliverance was at hand. Soon he would walk the streets of earth's city again—a free man. Soon he would be able to

and worked steadily on day after day like an automaton. The seasons came and went, and at length Jules realized that in a month he would be out in that great world again, from which he had been so long shut off. Then hope revived within him, and his ardent Gallic temperament rose to fever-



"A letter for you, No. 508"

stroll once more in the beautiful green woods that surrounded his native town, to feast his eyes on the glories of Nature and to resume again his beloved work. For he was an artist, this convict, and his imprisonment had been tenfold more severe on him than it would have been to the habitual jail-bird. At times he had felt like crying out like Cain did: "My punishment is greater than I can bear." Within the gloomy precincts of that vast penal institution, he had been forced to labor day after day, at work which any tyro could perform, work galling in its wearisome monotony. And the days had dragged on slowly, oh, so slowly, lengthening into weeks, into months, into years. Ah! what a price to pay for a few paltry dollars. He had had ambitions this artist. He longed to visit Europe, to study under the best masters, to gaze on the wonderful productions of Raphael and Michael Angelo, and his ambition led him astray.

How cursed is such a passion, when it leads men to sacrifice honor and trample on principle for the sake of attaining worldly ends. So it was with poor Jules Laporte. In order to get sufficient money to allow him to travel and live luxuriously, and frequent the studios of great artists, he had used his artistic talents in counterfeiting ten dollar bills. A keen detective had traced the origin of these spurious bills, however, and poor Jules was brought to Court.

A Dreadful Sentence

Ah! Mon Dieu, what a bitter day it was when the Judge pronounced the dreadful sentence that deprived him of liberty for ten long years. Ten years! the best years of his life wasted. Oh! if he had only striven to rise in his profession by honest endeavor; his abilities might have gained him a front rank place amongst painters by that time. But what was the use of gnashing his teeth and tearing his hair and foaming with impotent rage? The cruel grey walls of his prison house only seemed to mock his agony, the iron bars across the window, through which he could catch a glimpse of the sky beyond, only seemed to call back to him as he stretched out his hands in mute despair towards the blue expanse. No hope! No hope! So he resigned himself to his fate,

and he found himself pacing his cell one day, reflecting on his past, and giving vent to the various emotions that swept over him by violent gestulations and impassioned mutterings.

So carried away he was by his emotions, that he did not take much notice of the clanging of doors and the hurrying steps in the corridor. Suddenly key is turned in the lock of his cell, and a warder appears.

"A letter for you, No. 508."

An envelope is thrust into his hand, the door crashes to, and the warder goes on his way, evidently having quite a number of letters to deliver. Jules looked at the missive he held. "A letter! Who troubled themselves about him now? He had not had any news of the outside world for years. All his friends had apparently forgotten him."

Opened it Curiously

He opened it curiously, and began to read:

"My dear friend," it began, "I cannot allow this season of the year to pass by without writing you a few lines, and to assure you of my deep interest in your welfare."

Jules was interested and as he read on, his interest deepened. The writer appealed to him not to despair over the past, but to take courage and look to Christ for salvation. One particular sentence impressed him mightily. He noted that the letter referred to the Officers of The Salvation Army, and the writer said, "You need not hesitate to put your case in their hands."

"Ah! tres bon," said Jules, "I will trust these people, they will help me to begin life afresh, and in some other city I can work and forget and will yet rise to respectability again."

This comforting reflection somewhat calmed the excitable little Frenchman, and he awaited with patience the next visit of the warder, when he requested that he be allowed to write a letter.

A few weeks later he stepped out of the gate of the prison, and was met by a Salvation Army Officer, who conducted him to a place where temporary shelter was found him, and his physical wants were supplied.

It was a critical time for Jules. His strong temptation was to start counting again, and have as much revenge on society as he could until

Cheering the Sick

Winnipeg Citadel Band Visits General Hospital — Patients Greatly Appreciate Program Given — The Chief Secretary Presides

The Winnipeg Citadel Band visited the General Hospital on Thursday last and gave a program in the soldiers' ward. Lieut.-Colonel Morris, the Chief Secretary, presided.

The patients greatly enjoyed the various instrumental and vocal items and recitations given. At the close refreshments were served by the League of Mercy Members.

While the program was in progress a "War Cry" representative slipped away to visit some of the patients. One poor fellow had been in hospital for four years with a broken back. Cheerful enough under the circumstances, he said he thanked God his case was no worse. An optimist indeed.

Another patient was sitting up in bed, one arm in a plaster cast and with the other hand was helping himself to the ice cream and cake which had been passed round. He was of Polish extraction and an expansive smile fully expressed his thanks.

Coming away from the ward a tall, thin man was encountered in the hallway. He had been sick for a long while and though able to get around was very despondent. "If I had the same hope as you folks have I think I would feel different," he ventured. We explained earnestly that the "hope" mentioned could without a doubt be his, and then passed on. One thing that the "War Cry" man noticed with a gleam of satisfaction in his eyes was the evidence of the "White Wings Messengers" on all sides. One hundred and ten "Crys" are distributed on the returned men's flat alone.

Speaking to a little group of returned men in kimonoes they said the only band that came to the hospital was The Army Band and the music was certainly appreciated.

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they caught him again. But The Salvation Army held him back from crime, as on that day forged the link in the chain which was to bind Jules to what was before the Officer saw him off for the town where Jules had determined to make a fresh start; he prayed with the ex-prisoner. It was a very simple petition, and all Jules remembered of it was the words "I love this man." Up till that moment the whole of his salvation being a personal matter between himself and God had never entered his mind. The Spirit of God wonderfully interpreted this truth to him through the prayer of the Salvationists, and a desire awoke within him for a personal knowledge of the forgiveness of sins.

Through the efforts of The Salvation Army he obtained work, being willing to turn his hand to anything at first, in order to support himself, and not be a burden on his new-found friend. He no longer for righteousness never left him, and with an open heart he went to an Army Meeting. The truths declared by the Officer were just what Jules had been longing for, and at the penitent form he claimed Christ as his Saviour.

To Express His Thanks

The grateful Jules wrote to Headquarters to express his thanks for all that had been done for him. A few dollars were enclosed in the envelope, which he had received out of his scanty wages, to donate to the "cause of the friendless and hopeless, which for many reasons is dear to me," to use his own expression.

"I am not of the sort that forget, and in the days of prosperity I will remember the friend who made me a man, and asked nothing in return," were his concluding words.

So Jules is evidently climbing up the ladder again, and he thanks God and The Salvation Army for the life-line thrown to him when he was sinking fast beneath the waves of crime.

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HENRY C. HODDER,
Commissioner.

Editorial Notes

The Army's Prison Work

IN all the prisons throughout West-
ern Canada The Salvation Army
held special services on Sunday last.
The immediate results were most ex-
cellent and encouraging, as the reports
in this issue show, many prisoners
made decision to start serving
Christ at once. The ultimate results
are beyond our ken, but undoubtedly
impressions for good were made
which will have a lasting effect on the
conduct of many prisoners whilst they
are serving their time and which will
influence them greatly when they are
released and again take their places
in the community.

For The Army's success in this
work we are indebted greatly to the
authorities of the various institutions,
without whose confidence and co-opera-
tion our labors would be impossible.

The welcome accorded The Army in
the prisons is of the warmest possible
character, and there is abundant testi-
mony from wardens and chaplains that
our work is an important factor
in the welfare of the prisoners.

For all this we praise God, who has
vouchsafed to bless The Army's ef-
forts to reach those in prison with His
message, and has opened to us a wide
road of usefulness in ministering to
this unfortunate section of the com-
munity.

Faithfulness to Principle

IN our last issue we printed an ar-
ticle on tithing, quoting several in-
stances of prosperity coming to peo-
ple who were conscientious tithers.
An Officer of a certain Winnipeg
Corps came into the editorial office
last week to tell us of an instance
right in her own Corps. A certain
family, it appears, were not in very
good circumstances owing to the ill
health of the father. They had been
in the habit, however, of regularly
putting away the Lord's tenth and
seriously observed the custom even
though they felt the pinch at times.
At Christmas they were faced with
the situation of only having mutton
for dinner. There was three dollars in
the Lord's Treasury but they resolved
not to touch this. Learning of their
plight, the Officer sent them a basket
of Christmas cheer, so they had a
good dinner after all. And some
young ladies of a Sunday School class
brought some toys and goodies for
the children. A day or two later they
received an unexpected gift of \$84,
a tenth of the money in the Lord's
Treasury. The Officer said, "The
fact of the fact that they had to meet
heavy expenses in connection with
the death of one of the boys. Their
example of faithfulness to principle
in spite of adversity is having much
influence on the Soldiers of the Corps
and all who know them. God still
honors those who honor Him.

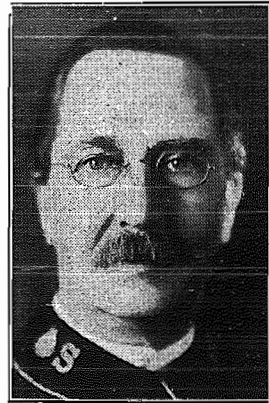
A Message of Hope to those in Prison

THERE is hope for all classes and conditions of mankind.
Whatever circumstances a man may find himself in

makes no difference if he
will only approach the
Throne of Grace with hu-
mility of heart and sin-
cerity of soul and peti-
tion the Salvation of
God.

Jesus Christ is the
hope of the world and He
will hear our cry from the
most dark and lonely
places in the earth. He
will dispel the shadows
of sin by His glorious
presence and the burden
of guilt will be replaced
by His peace which pass-
eth understanding.

Let the hope of this
wonderful Gospel trans-
form you; allow His
Spirit to take possession
of you; let Him turn
your night into morning
and your sorrow into
joy. Why art thou cast



Commissioner Henry C. Hodder

down? Hope thou in God! He lives to help and satisfy your
longing soul with none other than Himself. Trust and be
not afraid.

HENRY C. HODDER, Commissioner.

THE COMMISSIONER

Presides at Farewell Meeting to Adjutant and Mrs. Harvey in the Win-
nipeg Citadel—Six Seekers

ON Sunday evening last at a crowd-
ed Meeting in the Winnipeg
Citadel, presided over by Commis-
sioner and Mrs. Hodder, Adjutant and
Mrs. Harvey farewelled for Buenos
Ayres. These Officers, it may be
stated, did many years good service
in the Old Country, but owing to the
ill-health of Mrs. Harvey, relinquished
their position and became Soldiers.
The great improvement in Mrs. Har-
vey's health during recent years re-
vived their hopes of doing service
again as Officers and much to their
joy, they have been re-accepted by
the General. Mrs. Harvey, as many
of our readers are aware, is the eldest
daughter of Commissioner and Mrs.
Hodder, and though the appointment
takes her so far away from her par-
ents, she accepts it in the true Army
spirit, glorying in the opportunity of
being once again in the forefront of
the battle.

It was a brave little farewell ad-
dress she gave, telling in a very sim-
ple, heart-moving fashion of her
struggles to get in line with the will
of God and of the Divine help she re-
ceived to conquer. "I have given my
life to God for service wherever He
chooses to use it," she said. "I am
glad my health is restored and I want
every ounce of my strength to be used
in doing what God wants me to do."
She thanked the Officers and Com-
rades of the No. 1 Corps for the help
they had been to her during the year
she had been a Soldier there and asked
a continued interest in their prayers.
She referred to the Band, and the
great inspiration its rendering of the
Army music had been to her, remind-
ing her of old-time battles and vic-
tories as an Officer in the Old Coun-
try, and urged the Bandsmen to "cu-
ltivate the talent God had given them
to the end that souls might be at-
tracted and finally won to Salva-
tion through their musical efforts.

To refer to her father and mother
in that Meeting was evidently no
great task, for her heart was full
but in the morning Meeting, which
was conducted by the Adjutant and

herself, she spoke of the great help
and blessing her parents had been to
both of them in influencing them to
take the step they had taken. She
paid a high tribute to the beautiful
home life of Commissioner and Mrs.
Hodder, to their faithful personal
dealing, their high example of true
Salvationism, their self-sacrifice, and
their unswerving determination to
stand by the Cross at all costs.

To return to the night Meeting,
however, Adjutant Harvey also spoke
saying how glad he was to be able to
don an Officer's uniform again. His
firm resolve was to follow God's lead-
ings and he had taken as his motto for
the future "Christ and His Cause."

The Commissioner spoke highly of
both the Adjutant and his wife and
wished them God-speed. "We part
with them in the assurance of God's
blessing on them," he said, "and with
the earnest prayer that they will ful-
fill all expectations and bring glory
to God."

The farewelling Officers then stood
forward under the Flag and sang with
hands upraised: "I'll be true Lord to Thee," af-
ter which the Commissioner dedicated them
to their work in an earnest and tender
prayer.

The remainder of the
Meeting was devoted
to a direct appeal to
the unsaved. The
Christ. The Commis-
sioner, in a burning ad-
dress, urged sinners not
to neglect so great a
Salvation, and in the
Prayer-Meeting which
was held by the Chief
Secretary and
Lieut.-Colonel McLean,
every effort was made
by appeal, song and
prayer to bring souls
to decisions. Six came
forward and the gather-
ing closed amid much
rejoicing over victory.

THE GENERAL

To Visit Australia and New Zealand

We have pleasure in announcing,
says the British "War Cry," that the
General has decided to pay another
visit to Australia and New Zealand
in the early part of this year. That
he will be followed with deep interest
and affection on the part of every Sal-
vationist is certain.

Leaving London on February 7th
the General will arrive in Australia
on March 4th, and (D.V.) will visit in
turn the cities of Perth, Adelaide,
Melbourne, Brisbane, and Sydney,
Crossing to New Zealand, he will
journey to Dunedin, Christchurch,
Wellington, and Auckland.

The General will be accompanied by
Commissioner Mapp, International
Secretary, Ensign Wycliffe Booth,
A.D.C. Major J. Evans Smith, Private
Secretary, and Staff-Captain Jas.
Hawkins, who will represent the "War
Cry."

New Zealand Premier

Mr. Massey Gives His Opinions On
The Army's Work

JUST before leaving London the
Right Hon. W. F. Massey, Prime
Minister of New Zealand, gave a re-
presentative of the British "War Cry"
his impressions of the work of The
Salvation Army.

"There is very little I am unfamiliar
with in regard to the activities of The
Salvation Army," said Mr. Massey.
"I doubt if there is a Prime Minister
of any British country who could say
otherwise, for The Army plays so
prominent a part in the social work of
all communities. In New Zealand we
see Salvationists parade the streets,
we hear their Bands, just the same
as you do in Britain, and there is
scarcely a centre of any importance
in New Zealand that has not its Sal-
vation Army Building."

"The Army Organization is welcome
in all countries if only for its social
work. It relieves much distress, and
helps to dispel bitterness from those
who have fallen on evil days, assist-
ing them to regain their place in the
community and become again good
citizens. The devotion of Salvationists
to their great work, which has so often
struck me as the impelling force be-
hind the Movement."

"In the Dominions overseas there
are almost as many ramifications of
the Organization as here in Britain.
You see there the Homes and Orphan-
ages, Lodging-houses, Maternity
Homes, and other branches of work,
all of which are most efficiently man-
aged. Every one knew of the activi-
ties of The Salvation Army in the
camps and fighting areas during the
war, and to-day it is found assisting
and co-operating in migration
schemes, and providing for the care
of new arrivals."

"In brief," added the Prime Minister
of New Zealand, "The Army exercises
a beneficent influence in all com-
munities wherever it plants its Flag; it
helps to train up good, loyal, clean-
living, industrious citizens, and is
worthy of every support."



Adjutant and Mrs. Harvey and their children

"I WAS IN PRISON AND YE CAME UNTO ME"

Reports of Salvation Army "Prison Sunday" Meetings from all over the Canada West Territory Indicate that much Success Attended this Special Effort, Many Prisoners Indicating their desire to serve God

THE Commissioner conducted the Meeting at Stony Mountain Penitentiary on Prison Sunday, assisted by Major Allen and Ensign and Mrs. Mundy. A warm welcome was accorded our Leader by Warden Meighen and Rev. Mr. Stewart, the Chaplain, who both assured him that the Army is doing a splendid work in the Penitentiary and that its efforts are much appreciated.

"The Army seems to get at the hearts of the men," said Mr. Meighen, "and they have unbounded confidence in your Organization. They realize that The Army Officers are their friends and not only give them good advice but stand ready to help them in a practical way when they come out by finding employment for them and supplying them with food, lodging and clothing. I have seen The Army at work in four Canadian Penitentiaries and have the utmost admiration for the way it performs its duties in this connection."

Army's Help Welcomed

The Rev. Mr. Stewart said that he welcomed the co-operation of The Army in the endeavor to raise the moral and spiritual tone of the Institution, and thus helping the men to find an anchor for their souls in God and get re-established in life.

The service in the prison chapel at which about 150 men were present, was bright and informal, and distinctly impressive. The men listened with intense interest to the Commissioner's address, in which he held up Christ to them as the only hope of the sinner. The consequences of sin were pictured in graphic language, most of that audience no doubt knowing from personal experience that the speaker's words were true. Wrong-doing brings remorse, sorrow, and shame in its track—the wages of sin is death; death to all that is holy and pure and good, the death of higher impulses, the death of true ambitions and ideals. Written on the faces of the men as

The Commissioner at Stony Mountain Penitentiary

the Commissioner spoke, was conviction of the truths he was declaring. Some squirmed in their seats, some assumed a cynical expression, some

were evidently deeply affected; thoughts seemed to chase each other over their countenances as they looked first indifferent, then gay, then grave, and finally all broken up with emotion, possibly at some tender recollection of happy bygone days, or at some revelation of what they might have been.

The Commissioner spoke on, telling of the glorious hope of pardon and peace for every man, no matter how low sunk in sin. And faces brightened with a new light, the light of hope. A wistful expression was to be seen on many countenances as if the men were inwardly asking the question "Is it for me?"

Twelve Hands Raised

When Major Allen pleaded for decisions to be made first one and then another raised their hands to signify that they desired to start serving Christ. Twelve hands were raised altogether; twelve names were recorded in Heaven as starters on the Heavenly race that day from the Stony Mountain Penitentiary. It was an

affecting sight to see those raised hands, in-



Warden Meighen and Rev. Stewart bidding good-bye to the affecting sight to see those raised hands, in- Commissioner and party, after the Prison Sunday service at Stony Mountain Penitentiary.

The Chief Secretary Leads on at Manitoba Provincial Jail

A grey haired warder wearing the familiar blue peaked cap and dangling the traditional bunch of keys opened the door of the Provincial Jail to the Salvation Army visitors on Prison Sunday. In the office Governor Downie shook hands heartily with the wearers of the magic initial "S." "We are always glad to see our Army friends," said he.

Grateful to The Army

An opportunity was given for a chat with the Comrade who was recently enrolled by the Commissioner at the Jail and who conducts a weekly Bible Class among the prisoners. His face lit up as a question was put to him about his own personal experience. Yes, the Lord was his joy and strength. He was grateful that The Army ever came to the Jail and brought to him the message of life. The outlook was now entirely different. He had found a new life.

Speaking of the Bible Class conducted by him this Comrade waxed enthusiastic. When he started only four prisoners attended. That very morning he was delighted with no less than thirty being present. No warders were needed at the class and a most helpful meeting ensued. Four or five of the members have professed conversion.

All the party now being in readi-

ness the grey haired warder, a man who had seen all sides of prison life at the Jail for the past twenty-four years, led the way through steel-barred doors, long narrow passages and up winding stairs until the prison chapel was reached. Here some seventy men were seated in the body of the auditorium and twenty women in the gallery.

Bidding the inmates to enter heartily into the service the Chief Secretary, who was in charge of the gathering, called upon League of Mercy Sergt-Major Mrs. MacKenzie to line out "While the days are going by" this being an apparent favorite with the prisoners. It was sung heartily, the guards also joining in.

What secrets lay behind the countenances of these prisoners! What had caused their downfall? Did they care if they ever rose up again to take their places amongst respectable citizens? These and many other thoughts crowded through one's mind when looking at the audience in that chapel. Now and then among the crowd there was a face betokening youth and inexperience in the ways of sin. These, however, were but few.

After prayer had been offered the Colonel and the audience sang alternate lines of "There's not a Friend like the lowly Jesus," the chorus of this song especially appealing to both the men and women.

Meetings Much Appreciated

Every other week services are held at the Jail by the Men's Social Department, these meetings being much appreciated by the inmates. The Colonel now called upon three of these

worthy workers for a word of testimony and Captain Gardner, Lieutenant O'Donnell and Sergt-Major Douglas told of what God's power had wrought in their lives. They put in a straightforward plea for their hearers to accept Christ and launch out on a new life. Sister Mrs. Booker soloed.

The Scripture reading was evidently a thing of importance, for at the announcement of the portion to be read by Captain Gardner there was a rustling of leaves as the men and women searched diligently for the place. The verses were read in response and the men were intensely entered with spirit into the reading.

Captain Irwin sang "Since Jesus came into my heart." It was noticed that while the rest of the prisoners took up the refrain there were a few who by the expression on their faces showed they had entered into the real meaning of the song.

A Plain Message

The Chief Secretary's address was listened to with respectful attention and the gleam of light which occasionally shone in a number of eyes showed that his words were intelligently followed. Choosing for his topic "What think ye of Christ?" the Colonel in plain, understandable language brought the message of the redeeming love and power of Christ, showing clearly that liberation from the shackles of sin depended entirely upon their attitude toward this Christ.

The Colonel further pointed out that wrong thinking was the root cause of wrong actions, and a person's outlook upon life depended largely upon his

diative of burning longings and good desires. Twelve men in prison grey dress, resolving to abandon sin, which had already got them into such dire trouble, and to cast themselves on the mercy of the Lord, who would bring their souls out of prison and give them the blessed liberty of the children of God, even though their bodies remained in durance vile. Some were young men, in for their first crime possibly, others were grey headed with heavily furrowed features, indicative no doubt of years of crime and indulgence. But whether their sins were many or few, whether they were young or old, they could all find cleansing in the Blood of the Lamb at the best Mercy-Seat.

It is such a climax to an Army Meeting in prison which brings joy and gladness to the hearts of the workers, for it is an indication that the Spirit of God is at work and that story hearts are melting. It is the beginning of regeneration, which is the real key to all reform, and which it is the purpose of all The Army's work to bring about.

thoughts. He then drew some interesting illustrations from his experiences when stationed in the Klondike in the early days of the gold rush. One of these was particularly apt. Some prospectors had toiled amid intolerable surroundings until a rich haul of gold was discovered. This had the effect of altering their outlook completely and neither the bleakness of their surroundings nor hardships could dim their joy. So, said the Colonel, Christ and His riches in your lives will change the present outlook and make the future bright.

Pathetically hesitating, the hands of the prisoners went up slowly one after another as the appeal was made for those who wished prayer. Eighteen in all, both men and women, thus signified their need. While stillness reigned the Colonel prayed that these prayers might have their burden of sin lifted.

"Yes," said Governor Downie, as the visitors passed once more through the iron gates into his office, "we've a warm place in our hearts for The Army here. They are just as much a fixture as the telephone or the automobile."

British Columbia Penitentiary, New Westminster

The Spirit of God worked wonderfully in our service at the British Columbia Penitentiary. Colonel J. Alister Smith, the Salvation Army Livingson Jail at Brandon on Prison Sunday, holding them spellbound with the story of Redemption.

God spoke to many hearts and at the close eleven men stood to their feet pleading themselves to God for service.

Colonel Cooper, the Warden, extended a hearty welcome to Colonel Smith. PROVINCIAL FARM, B. C.

Ensign McPhedran spoke to 200 men and women at the Provincial Farm. The truth took hold of many hearts. At the close one man accepted Christ as his Saviour.

Wm. Cummins, Major.

Provincial Jail, Brandon

A special service was held by Ensign and Mrs. McBain in the Provincial Jail at Brandon on Prison Sunday. The Meeting throughout was of a bright and breezy character, the inmates singing heartily. Mrs. McBain (Continued on page 8)

Women's Social Notes

By Brigadier Alice Goodwin

On Monday, January 14th, the Winnipeg League of Mercy held the seventh and last event in connection with their annual Christmas Institutional efforts. Mrs. Commissioner Hodder presided. The principal events on this occasion were the farewell of Mrs. Adjutant Harvey, and the welcome of Mrs. Staff-Captain Church and Mrs. Adjutant Bourne as working League members. At this gathering there was member reception and special remembrance from the Commissioner and Mrs. Hodder. We would like to place on record the ready response that was made by the Citadel, St. James and Cadets' Bands, the members of the Territorial Headquarters Staff, and the Misses Mitchell and Giddings, Miss M. Murtle and others. Not one appointment was missed by these Comrades who contributed to the programs. They gave of their best of music, song and recitation. A special feature from the Cadets was several items on the hand bells, much to the happiness of the staff and those who are incarcerated in these institutions. The distribution of refreshments was carried through without a hitch, the League members being responsible, under the leadership of Mrs. Sergeant-Major MacKenzie.

The Calgary Children's Home report that at Christmas time a club of young women, led on by a Minister's wife, spent an evening with the children, played games with them and brought a nice treat. The boys visited the Home and did something of the same nature. Pansy and Elsie Jackson brought a Christmas stocking for all the children. It is difficult to say which were the happiest, those who brought gifts or those who received them. The children have survived this extra indulgence and are all well at the present time.

At the Vancouver Rescue Home, on New Year's Eve, Brigadier Coombs conducted a marriage ceremony for one of the girls in the Home. The Officers believe it will be a happy union.

Prison Sunday Reports

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solved, after which she spoke sparsely tenderly to the prisoners. Sister Simons, a faithful attendant at the institution every Sunday, sang a Salvation song the words of which she sang heartily in. The Ensign wound up with a stirring Salvation address, closing his remarks with the singing of that famous hymn "Just as I am" and explaining the circumstances which prompted Miss Elliott to compose it. The Ensign then made a strong plea for volunteers for Salvation and two responded to his invitation.

John Philip, Captain.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN, EDMONTON

A splendid Meeting was held at Fort Saskatchewan, where eighty-six prisoners were present. Major Larson, Adjutant and Mrs. Otway, Ensign Stewart and Lieut. Calder took part in the service. God's Spirit was much in evidence from the singing of the first song "What a Friend we have in Jesus" which is a favorite of the prisoners. Possibly it recalls boyhood days. Adjutant and Mrs. Otway sang a duet and Major Larson gave an address. Ensign Stewart appealed for decisions and twenty-four sought God's pardon.

In the Women's section there was equal success. The attendance was eighteen and six decisions for Christ were made.

The Major interviewed a man who is in prison for murder and Ensign Stewart interviewed three men who are really seeking to lead a better life. The guards say they are doing well. Praise God.

S. Stewart, Ensign.

The Army and Women Prisoners

A Glimpse of the Good Work Being Done by Means of Visitation and Meetings

"Do you see that girl sitting down there? I'm just dying to speak to her, but guess I'll have to wait till the Meeting closes."

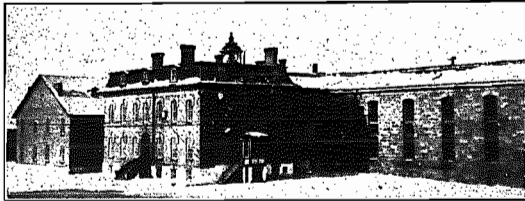
"Yes, I see her. Who is she?" "Why, she is a girl who was converted during her term with us. She went out, made good, married a Christian man that you see sitting beside her, and they both come regularly to the Army Meetings. Oh, I'm so glad!"

The above was a conversation between one of the staff of Kildonan Industrial Home and a friend at a recent Sunday night Meeting in a Salvation Army Hall.

About 36 years ago when Winnipeg could only boast a population of 18,000

hall was just lovely. She was lonely, she was hard, and she wanted some fun. Poor Julia! The road from the dunc hall to worse places and thence to the jail was a short journey for her. But she was not hardened as some, and one Mother's Day in the Army Meeting with the girls the talk was on the love of mother and of that angel one. Soon the tears were trickling down Julia's cheeks, she asked to be prayed with, and promised that she would give her heart and life into God's keeping.

Inside of a week Julia left the prison. A year afterwards Mrs. MacKen-



The Stony Mountain Penitentiary, one of the many penal establishments in Western Canada in which The Army holds regular services.

The Army started work among the women prisoners of Canada West. At that time the number of women inmates of the Manitoba Provincial Jail numbered five or six. This prison visitation was carried on for some years before there was a League of Mercy. The Army workers also went regularly to the Police Station where they visited the women in their cells, often finding these unfortunate ones drunk, as drunkenness among women was a great curse then, and many of them died in their drunken state. As soon as The Army gets established in any place where there is a prison they lose no time in taking up the work of prison visitation.

For many years a splendid work has also been done among the women prisoners in the Saskatchewan Provincial Jail at Prince Albert. Three or four of the girls now confined there profess conversion, and it is good to be able to say we have it from one of the prison officials that these girls show a decided improvement in their daily lives.

Like the Army Meetings it is true that those who have spent many years in this noble work of prison visitation testify that the work is often discouraging and the percentage of women really reclaimed is not very large, the devil seeming to succeed in keeping his toll. But some are reclaimed and prison matrons say the girls look forward to the Army Meetings with pleasure and the effect is always uplifting. However, some interesting cases of reclamation can be told such as the following:

Julia came to the city from her country home with great hopes of earning big money, getting nice clothes and helping her mother. But alas, she soon found out that the temptations of the city were too great for her. A friend told her the dance

zies, League of Mercy Sergeant-Major, who had conducted the Meeting at which Julia promised to give her heart to the Lord, noticed a tidy, well-dressed young woman with an escort come into the Meeting in one of our Halls. The new-comer paused by Mrs. MacKenzie, called her by name and asked if she did not know her, which she did not. Then this young woman reminded her of that Sunday Meeting in the jail when she had turned from sin. Turning to the escort she said "this is my husband. We live on a farm and are just in the city on a little holiday. Our home is happy and I am so glad I met you."

At the Kildonan Home

But The Army probably has more opportunity for really helping the girls who are committed to our splendid Kildonan Industrial Home, where they spend their term instead of in the Provincial Jail. Between 45 and 60 girls are in custody in this Home and are under sentence of from six months to five years. Adjutant Sharrock is in charge of this institution and every effort is made to make it as homelike as possible for the girls. They are required to do the work of the Home under the direction of the staff Officers, and are thus taught housework, sewing and fancy work. They have their allotted time for reading, and their outdoor exercise is not overlooked. In the summer they enjoy baseball and other games in the roomy grounds, and in winter the toboggan slide (a big new one having been recently built) is a source of pleasure. They have a Bible Class each Sunday afternoon and in the evening a Salvation Meeting, also one week night Meeting is held. Being under the direct influence of The Army all the time a good many of the girls are brought to God in this Home.—E. L.

LETHBRIDGE JAIL

The meeting at Lethbridge Jail was led by Adjutant Lethbridge of the Calgary Men's Prison, assisted by Envoy Dawson, Salvation Joe, Brother St. ley Robinson and Adjutant Marsland.

After an earnest address by Adjutant Fullerton four men raised their hands to signify their determination to live for Christ.

W. Marsland, Adjutant.

VICTORIA JAIL AND MENTAL HOME

The meetings at Victoria Jail and at the Mental Home, Saanich, were largely attended. Special singing and music was arranged for the occasion. Fifteen prisoners signified their desire to lead a better life. All Army meetings at these two Institutions are very much appreciated, not only by the inmates but by the staff.

N. Jaynes, Staff-Captain.

The Chief Secretary

Conducts United Holiness Meeting at the Winnipeg Citadel—Six Seekers

"I'm out on the deep. I've let the shore lines go: I've launched far out on the Ocean Divine."

Out where the full tide flows." So sang the Comrades and friends who had gathered at the Friday Central Holiness Meeting held at the Rupert Street Citadel. The singing was unusually hearty and the atmosphere charged with spiritual life.

"I went home from the last united Holiness Meeting without the Blessing, one young man rose up to testify," but could not rest until I got it," "I read a library of books on the subject," said another, "but found that faith in God brought all the proof I needed." "Thank God!" cried an elated sister, "I have found not only a Saviour but a Sanctifier."

Such expressions as these, given with the old fashioned fire and spirit, livened up a gathering that was already spiritually quickened, and the clock on the wall registered nearly a half hour without anyone particularly noticing it. Among those who gave their testimonies were a Chinese youth, an American, a Roumanian and an Irishman.

The Chief Secretary, leader of the gathering, commented on the increased attendance at the Central Bible Class conducted by Lieut.-Colonel Phillips just prior to the Holiness Meeting, and also on the splendid crowd present at the latter. The Colonel commended the Comrades who had spoken on their definite testimonies.

"Holiness," said the Colonel in delivering his address, "is having the 'want' of sin taken out. People who are constantly in bondage to the suppression of sin have a 'straight jacket' religion. It should be a Christian's self and drink to do the Father's will."

Speaking of aggressive holiness the Colonel said, "The time comes in every life when a Christian must show what side he is on." He also urged his hearers to seize every opportunity of witnessing for Christ. Whatever the cost was, it paid to serve God whole heartedly.

A young man was the first to volunteer to the Penitent-Form. He was followed by others until six seekers were the object of many prayers. Twice, when the Meeting was on the point of closing, seekers made their way forward under the influence of the Spirit and without any pressure.

Assisting the Chief Secretary were Major Phillips, a member of the Staff, Ensign Mundy sang solo and the Cadets' Band accompanied the singing. Major Carter closed in prayer.

Education Does Not Eradicate Sin

There is more than a passing lesson in the results announced by a professor of his investigations into the occupants of the penitentiaries of the United States. He says, that there were 2,000 college men behind the bars, and that while crimes of violence were in their cases few, those which landed them in captivity were usually premeditated and carefully planned. The professor's conclusion is that "educated men turn criminals in the same proportion as their less educated brethren."

This is, as a leading journal observes, just what might have been expected, for "the Old Adam is pretty evenly distributed amongst all classes and occupations." What an echo of The Army Mother's repeated and impassioned declarations—"we have and we will eradicate sin in life as it may be, as of itself never eliminate from the human heart the Old Adam of sin and waywardness; only through the Salvation which is by Christ can 'the new man' or righteousness be born within the soul. Education will never empty the prisons; conversion will!"

British "War Cry"



The Commissioner was present at a reception convened by Sir James Aikins at the Government House, Winnipeg, on Thursday, January 10th, in connection with the opening of the Provincial Parliament. The most prominent people of the city were invited to this reception, including the leaders of all the religious bodies.

The Commissioner met all the Field Officers of the Winnipeg Division in Council at the Citadel on Tues., Jan. 15th.

Mrs. Commissioner Hodder presided at a meeting of the Winnipeg League of Mercy members on Monday last, which was held in the home of Sister Mrs. Nelson. Mrs. Lieut.-Colonel Taylor and Brigadier Goodwin took part and Mrs. Adjutant Harvey gave a farewell address.

The Commissioner will address the students at the Manitoba Agricultural College on Sunday afternoon, January 27th, in connection with the Annual Army gathering there.

The weekly Bible Class conducted by Lieut.-Colonel Phillips at the Winnipeg Citadel every Friday night is attracting increasing numbers of people. The Colonel is making the study of the Bible very interesting to those who attend, dealing with the various eras of human history in a manner which is enlightening and helpful.

Adjutant and Mrs. Harvey left Winnipeg on Thursday afternoon last, Commissioner and Mrs. Hodder and a large number of the T.H.Q. Staff and City Officers being at the Union Station to see them off. The station resounded with the singing of Army choruses and "God be with you till we meet again." Just before the train pulled out prayer was offered by the Chief Secretary that God would give journeying mercies to our Comrades and bless them in their new sphere of labor.

Brigadier Sims, the Men's Social Secretary, has been confined to the house for the past week with an attack of gripple.

Adjutants Dray and Spearing of the Immigration Department left Winnipeg on Thursday, Jan. 17, for an Immigration Conference in Montreal which will be presided over by Commissioner Lamb, assisted by Colonels Taylor and Jackson. The Immigration Officers will be in charge of the weekend Meetings at various Montreal Corps.

Staff-Captain Hector Habkirk recently addressed the members of the Saskatoon Rotary Club, giving them an interesting insight into The Army's humanitarian work.

Sergeant-Major and Mrs. Hodson of Vancouver Citadel desire to acknowledge through the medium of the "War Cry" how much they appreciated the many messages of sympathy received from Comrades of different Corps during the severe trial they have been passing through in the painful illness and subsequent death of their only child.

VANCOUVER BAND VISITS PROVINCIAL JAIL

On New Year's Day the Vancouver Citadel Band gave a Musical Festival at the Provincial Jail. The men greatly appreciated the program given and at the close the Warden spoke feelingly of the work of The Army at this institution and commended the Band for their unselfish service to unfortunate humanity, in setting apart their free time so cheerfully to give their talent to others the good work that was not theirs to enjoy otherwise. Wm. Cummins, Major.

Prison Work at Prince Albert

How The Army is Ministering to the Prisoners in the Saskatchewan Penitentiary and Jail—Many Helped to a Better Life

TO listen to the old hymn, "Pass me not O loving Saviour" sung by the congregation of a well-filled church, or Salvation Army Hall, is a reminder to the listener that the singers are men and women of many walks of life expressing their souls' needs through the medium of the grand old hymn. But to listen to two hundred and fifty men in the Chapel of the Saskatchewan Penitentiary, singing the same hymn, is a wonderful inspiration to the leader of the meeting.

Thoughts Are Far Away

Led by a choir of some 25 men, these old hymns are sung as only men faced with the consequences of their misdeeds can sing. One looks into the face of a boy in his teens, he is in the choir and as he sings his thoughts are far from the meeting. He is thinking of the old home and the songs that mother used to sing. After the meeting he makes his way to the Officer and says, "Captain, I should have stood to my feet when you gave the invitation, but, somehow I wasn't able to, will you pray for me?" Then a period of silence as the tears well up in his eyes, and swallowing the lump in his throat, he continues, "And when you write to mother, tell her I have seen my mistake and am trying to do better."

There is very little said in such interviews as this, a few words from the heart, a grasp of the hand, "God bless you" from the Officer and the lad goes to his cell with a lighter heart. Many miles from this scene is

a home saddened by the absence of a loved one. In imagination father and mother see the grim walls of the Penitentiary and behind them, the boy they love. Who can tell what a mother thinks about her boy but, in spite of his sin, she loves him, she is always wondering about his comfort and welfare. Distance forbids a visit to the place of confinement and letters from there are not very frequent. But, a letter comes from the Salvation Army Officer and in it the boy's message. The distance doesn't seem so far then, and the time to wait for his release so long; another heart is made lighter. The kindness and sympathy of the Warden and Officers of the Penitentiary to the Salvation Army Officers who visit this Institution, is both an encouragement and help in reclaiming the lives of these unfortunate men. Permission to hold private interviews with them is freely given, and the Officer feels he really gets a chance to attend to their spiritual needs. The Penitentiary is three miles from the City and the Army Officer's visits have to be arranged so as not to conflict with the duties of the men he wishes to interview. Nevertheless as many as nine men have been dealt with in a forenoon.

Valuable Opportunities

Not only at the Penitentiary, but at the Prison, one of the finest and most up to date buildings of its kind in the Dominion, there are valuable opportunities to do work which we trust will eventually bear fruit in the

form of reconstructed lives. Here the Warden is a staunch friend of The Army and every consideration is given by him to the Army Officers with their work among the men and women confined in the Prison. At the services held by very satisfactory organization, both men and women prisoners attend. The Chapel is so constructed that the prisoners of opposite sexes are seated in separate sections, enabling the Officer conducting the service to lead both sides in worship to advantage.

It is by very gratifying to know that several of the inmates have sought and found the Saviour in the meetings conducted from time to time. The Officer's wife is given free access to the women at all times, and by visitation and prayer is able to bring much blessing and happiness to those whose lives have been darkened by sin.

Met on Discharge

"War Cry" are distributed every week, and men and women look forward to this Army publication with great interest, and are eager to obtain a copy. All the work in connection with prisoners is not done at the meetings or when visiting or personal dealing, but on discharge some are met and helped in various ways. Clothing is supplied to those in need much blessing and happiness to those whose lives have been darkened by sin. Met on Discharge "War Cry" are distributed every week, and men and women look forward to this Army publication with great interest, and are eager to obtain a copy. All the work in connection with prisoners is not done at the meetings or when visiting or personal dealing, but on discharge some are met and helped in various ways. Clothing is supplied to those in need much blessing and happiness to those whose lives have been darkened by sin. Met on Discharge "War Cry" are distributed every week, and men and women look forward to this Army publication with great interest, and are eager to obtain a copy. All the work in connection with prisoners is not done at the meetings or when visiting or personal dealing, but on discharge some are met and helped in various ways. Clothing is supplied to those in need much blessing and happiness to those whose lives have been darkened by sin.

G. S. Mundy, Ensign.

Incidents from Brandon

Meetings are held every Sunday afternoon in the Provincial Jail at Brandon. These are of a bright, cheery nature with plenty of singing. Songs and choruses are chosen from The Army Song book. A Bible talk is given during the service and prisoners are urged to serve Christ.

A married man who is serving a term in prison, asked that his wife be visited. This was done and through the City Relief Department, provision has been made for her needs.

The following extract from a letter I recently received from an ex-prisoner, tells its own story. He writes as follows: "I got home to my wife and family alright and they were glad to see me. This was after a while, but I think they were not sure of me for a day or two. I thank God that through prayer they can trust me now. With God's help I will never go back to the old life."

A young woman came out from England some time ago and secured a position on a farm. She married the hired man but after a year or so they separated. The woman then went to live with a man whose wife was in the asylum, but after a baby was born he left her. She secured a position as housekeeper but found the work too much for her and with the baby to look after. Drifting into Brandon quite destitute, she was taken care of by The Army. Her husband was located and compelled to contribute a certain sum towards her support. A home was found for the baby and a position for the woman.

A lot of good work is also done in various institutions, especially in the Old Folks' Home.

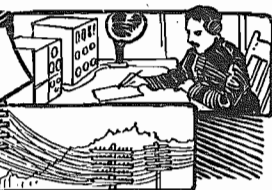
R. McCaughey, Ensign.



The Salvation Army Working Men's Hotel at Edmonton. This is a newly acquired property with accommodation for 100 men. It has a special Dormitory for aged men. The photo was taken when the Christmas cheer was being distributed



Latest Despatches from the ... Field ...



MEDICINE HAT

Five Soldiers Enrolled, Two Souls Restored

Ensign Mundy and Lieut. Patterson Sunday, January 6th, we were privileged to have with us Staff-Captain and Mrs. Penfold, whose visit proved to be one of real blessing and inspiration. The addresses given by the Staff-Captain were helpful to God's people and Mrs. Penfold's singing added much to the meetings.

At the Salvation Meeting five Comrades were enrolled as Soldiers, and following a selection by the newly-formed Songster Brigade. During the Prayer-Meeting our hearts were overjoyed to see two backsliders return to the Fold.—C.C.

ST. JAMES

Five Apply for Officership

Captain and Mrs. Collier

January 13th, being Band Sunday, Bandmaster Dancy with the assistance of the Bandmen, conducted the Meetings throughout the day, most creditably. In the Holiness Meeting one Comrade came out for Consecration. In the Sunday afternoon Company Meeting, we have now a Y. P. Band composed of the Life-Saving Scouts. In the evening we welcomed into our midst Bandmaster Wright, and the three Girls' Quartets, from Neepawa. Five applications have been made from our Corps for Candidature.

We are celebrating our 13th Anniversary in February, which all are preparing for and looking forward to. Our Motto for 1924, which was recently unveiled, is "Forward!" The Comrades are all pledged to try and carry it out.—F.H.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

Ensign and Mrs. McCaughey

The weekend Meetings at Portage la Prairie were conducted by Ensign and Mrs. McCaughey. Saturday was the last Meeting of the Week of Prayer, and was held in the Citadel which was packed. Canon Parker of the Anglican Church delivered a stirring address from the text, "Sirs, we would see Jesus." Sunday morning we visited the Jail. The Meeting was bright, several Comrades spoke and an address was given by the Ensign. The Custodial Home and the Old Folks' Home were also visited in the afternoon. The Sunday night Meeting at the Citadel closed with one soul at the Cross.

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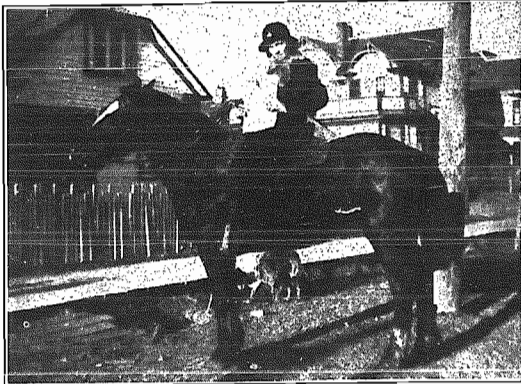
Capt. Edwards and Lieut. Hranic

Good meetings were enjoyed in our Corps Sunday. The night gathering took the form of a farewell for Lieutenant Sinclair. A brother spoke on behalf of the Comrades, giving them feeling that the Lieutenant has been a real blessing and help while with us. Lieutenant Sinclair replied in a few words and then took the lesson. The Cadets are proving a great help by their testimonies and singing.—"Interested."

ROSSLAND

Captain Sutherland and Lieut. Mason The new year finds us climbing up the victory path. The Soldiers' Meetings lately resumed are proving a great blessing, and changing our Company Meeting from the forenoon to afternoon has meant a larger attendance of young people.

Lieutenant Halverson from Nelson acted as Chairman for the Christmas Demonstration. All of the children from the oldest to the three wee girls, who can be counted among our best singers, did their parts well.



BOOMING THE "WAR CRY" IN ALBERTA

Corps Cadet Ida Burgess, High River, is seen ready for her round, which covers a wide territory. She rides twelve miles on her horse every week to sell the "Cry."

WESTON

Five Adults and Twenty-two Children

Captain and Mrs. Towers

We were privileged to have with us on Sunday morning and afternoon last Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. McLean. Our Divisional Commander conducted the gatherings in his usual breezy style and the messages given by Mrs. McLean were very helpful. At the close of the Holiness Meeting five sought the blessing of a clean heart. In the afternoon one hundred and thirty children assembled at the Company Meeting. The Colonel again led on and a very enjoyable time was spent. Mrs. McLean took the lesson and when the invitation was given twenty-two of the young folks made their way to the Penitent-Form.

At night, though the Colonel could not be with us, Lieutenant Morrison, his assistant, conducted the gathering. Adjutant Steele "looked in" and gave a brief message.

KAMLOOPS

Capt. Stunell and Lieut. Tisdale

North Kamloops united with us for the Christmas Demonstration, the many items showing the children had been well trained. Brother Duncan Reeves acted as Chairman.

The following day the Captain with a number of Comrades visited the Old Men's Home where a Christmas treat and program were furnished. A treat was given to all the inmates.

MACLEOD

Eight Soldiers Enrolled

Captain Yarlett and Lieut. Stobbert

The "Pray, Work and Win" campaign is in full swing at MacLeod. January 3rd two young men came to Christ. On the 8th we had a very impressive service when eight Recruits were enrolled as Soldiers. At the close a mother and her son sought Salvation.—R.M.

VEGUEVILLE

Lieutenant G. Jones

We are sorry that Captain Mairs has had to go home on sick furlough, but we are praying that she may soon be with us again.

God was with us in our Prayer Meeting Friday night, and we all felt that we received fresh blessing.

On a recent Sunday a young man came to the Mercy-Seat where he got well saved, and we are pleased to say that he is doing real well.

CALGARY CITADEL

Three Surrenders at Farewell

Commandant and Mrs. Hamilton

The Meetings all day Sunday were conducted by Bandmaster and Mrs. Creighton. In the morning Commandant Hamilton dedicated Walter George, son of Brother and Sister Blackwell. As Bandmaster Creighton spoke on "Paul's holy boldness" we all took courage. Mrs. Creighton took the lesson in the evening Meeting and God certainly spoke through her as she told of the three men who "saw God face to face."

Three souls came out for Salvation Tuesday night. After the Meeting a large crowd gathered at the station to say goodbye to Bandmaster and Mrs. Creighton who, after fifteen years' faithful service for God in The Army in Calgary, have moved to California where we pray God's blessing may be upon them.—M.J.J.

NEW WESTMINSTER

Ensign and Mrs. Bailey

Staff-Captain Foster piloted our Watchnight service. The New Year was ushered in with rejoicing and a march through the principal streets of the city. Staff-Captain Foster conducted the Sunday Meetings when his message on renewing the broken altar resulted in a united re-consecration. Envoy Collier was a welcome visitor during the day.—"Mac"

HOME STREET (WINNIPEG)

Ensign Pasmore and Captain Mercer

Sunday, January 13th, we had the privilege of hearing Adjutant and Mrs. Bourne. In the morning the Adjutant gave a splendid address on the life of Paul, and we felt the Spirit of God was with us. At the close of the evening Meeting we rejoiced to see a sister come back to God.—A.E.H.

PRINCE RUPERT

Three New Soldiers

Captain and Mrs. Coleman

The "Pray, Work and Win" Campaign is going well. Three Soldiers have recently been enrolled, two of them having since applied to become Corps Cadets. Captain Coleman presided at the Watchnight Service when the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist Churches united with The Army, about one hundred people being present.—C.C.

SWIFT CURRENT

Three Surrenders Made

Ensign and Mrs. Sharp

Times of blessing and victory are being experienced in the Corps here. At the Watch-Night service we had the joy of seeing a brother, for whose restoration we had been praying, come forward and make the surrender. New Year's Day we had our Annual Soldier's Tea, when a happy company gathered together. Later in the evening the Locals were commissioned, and a review given of the year's work. Altogether an optimistic spirit prevails, and we are looking for still more victories during the rest of the "Pray, Work and Win" campaign. Two souls came forward last Sunday night.—Observer.

PORT ARTHUR

Ensign and Mrs. Fox

Many pleasant memories were left at Port Arthur from recent gatherings especially the song service entitled "Watching with the Shepherds." The readings, solos and choruses were well given, and caused us, like the shepherds, to glorify God for the Babe that was born in Bethlehem.

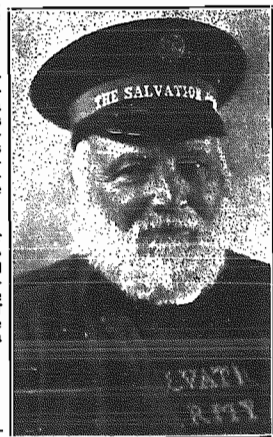
Among the many activities was the men's dinner at the Hostel, followed by a program given by the Social Staff and Corps Officers. An outstanding event was the visit of the Officers of the Twin Cities to the Industrial Farm, where a program was given the men. Ensign Waterston brought the Meeting to a close by exhorting the men to a better and brighter outlook in life. Boxes of candies were distributed to the men.—"Kosma."

VRIDEN

Three for Salvation

Captain Yetman and Lieutenant Law

Last Sunday night after an excellent Meeting three souls found Salvation. Recently the Officers and several Comrades took a trip into the country for the purpose of holding a cottage Meeting. Thirty were in attendance. One lady who had been a Salvationist in the Old Land wept for joy to see the familiar uniform again.



A well-known figure in Victoria, Brother Crossman, who has passed his sixty-seventh birthday, can be relied on to sell the "War Cry" or collect for special efforts. And this after a day's work. Our Comrade loses no opportunity of speaking a word for the Master.



The Bugler of the Barker:

A Story of British Naval Life

By S. A. KIRKSPEN

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS

A British sailor, bugler on H. M. S. Barker, got into trouble at Port Said during a rioting arrest after a brawl in a grog shop where three ruffians attempted to rob him. He was rescued from his predicament by the timely appearance of three chums, who persuaded the policeman to let him go on condition that they run away about ship. He accompanied them first to a house where some Salvation Army Missionaries, on their way to India, were holding a meeting that afternoon. What he heard so affected him that he sought Salvation that day, kneeling in the conning tower of the warship just before he blew the sunset call. He at once told his messmates of his conversion and that evening played hymns to them on his flute and one of the usual ditties. The ship left for Malta a few days later. At The Salvation Army Naval and Military Home in this island, Duffy spent a happy time with his new companions.

CHAPTER VI

DUFFY FALLS INTO A TRAP

NOW, once a year, it is the fashion in Malta to hold a great Carnival just previous to the Lenten season. The streets are gaily decorated with banners and streamers; fairy lamps are strung in long strings from pole to pole; bands play in the public squares, and to their music the people dance and frolic all the livelong day. Gay parties of masqueraders are to be seen everywhere at Carnival time, throwing confetti and sweetmeats over the passer-by and often surrounding some unfortunate victim and belaboring him with tambourines and specially-contrived rappers. If he is sensible he takes it all in good part, but too to him if he loses his temper and tries to retaliate. He is bundled unceremoniously into the dust, and the laughing mischievous gang goes on to seek other victims.

Frolic and Fun

It is a time of wild excitement, of childish horse-play; a period of unrestrained frolic and fun, when liberties are taken that would not be thought of at any other time. Into the midst of scenes such as we have described came Duffy, Dinky Dan and several others, about three o'clock one afternoon, when the merriment was at its height. It was with difficulty that they pushed their way down Strada Reale, so crowded was that thoroughfare with the revellers. Thousands of people from the many towns in the immediate vicinity, as well as numbers of country folk, had assembled in the capital on this day—which apparently was the great day of the feast. The majority of the women were dressed in the national costume, the distinguishing feature of which is the fal-datta—a black hood arched over the head with a trip of whalebone and falling to the waist. Many were decked out in gayer colors, however, and here and there could be seen little groups of ladies dressed in the styles of Paris and London.

Scene of Life and Color

The men were also out in their very Sunday best, the marked features of their costume being the peculiarly shaped soft felt hats, the gorgeous waistcoats, and the yards and yards of waistband which did duty instead of braces. Numbers of priests were also conspicuous in the throng, garbed in long black gowns and broad-brimmed hats; while the bright red, orange and white helmets of the British infantrymen, the blue and gold tunics of the artillerymen, and the round caps and blue jumpers of numerous jolly Jack Tars, served to complete this moving mosaic of life and color.

In the great square before the Governor's palace a lively dance was in progress. Scores of youths and maidens, holding each others' hands, were skipping about in a huge circle to the

quick music of a band, very much after the fashion of children playing "Here we go round the mulberry bush." It was a scene of innocent merriment and Duffy and his companions looked on for a long while at it.

"Look at Duffy," whispered Dinky Dan to one of his shipmates, "the music has reg'lar got hold of him. He's almost dancing himself. We'll have an easy job getting him into Tony's to-day."

The victory might not have been so easy as Dan anticipated however, had not unexpected allies arrived in the persons of two artillerymen who had been well acquainted with Duffy in the old days.

"Why, hello Duffy, old sport! Haven't seen you for a dog's age. Where have you been hiding yourself since the Fleet came in? We've missed you down at Tony's. Is it right you've turned blue light?"



He was carried back by his chums in a state of helpless intoxication.

Duffy turned around and confronted the speaker, a fair haired, blue eyed young giant in the uniform of a Garrison artilleryman.

"Why hello George," he said; "glad to meet you again. And you too, Joe (speaking to the other's chum). Yes boys, I've turned blue light as you say and I'm off now to The Army Meeting. All these lads are coming with me. You come along too and we'll have a jolly time."

"I thought you were having a jolly enough time just now when I saw your feet moving to the music of the band," said George with a grin. "Duffy, you old hypocrite, I believe you're just as fond of the gaities of this wicked world as you ever were. I'll bet you a pot of beer that you'd like nothing better than to be down at Tony's just this minute playing the music for us and getting gloriously drunk."

"No, George; those days are past for me," said Duffy. "I'm enjoying something better now."

"Something more esthetic, eh?" sneered Joe Brown.

"I dunno what that means," said Duffy, "but I know I've been a lot happier since I quit the drink."

"Happier—oh, bosh!—what's happiness but a vain elusive shadow which always eludes mortals the harder they chase it," said Joe. "You just think you're happier because you've exercised a little will power and given up your favorite indulgence for awhile. Keeping sober will soon get monotonous to you and then you'll find happiness in breaking out again. Come on now 'fess up; you'd like a drink right now, wouldn't you?"

"No, mate," said Duffy; beer's got me into enough trouble and I'm off it for good now."

"Well then you other fellows won't refuse a drink, will you?" said Joe, turning to the group of sailors, who had been listening intently to the conversation.

"Not 'arf, Joe," spoke up Dinky Dan.

"But I thought you boys were coming to the Meeting with me," said

Then he recognized Duffy. "Why, hello Duffy, where you bin alls this long time, eh?" he said. "Boys here plenty miss music and fun you make for them. You go on tack, eh?"

"Yes, Tony, I'm on the tack now," said Duffy, and for the moment he felt inclined to turn and run out of the shop. Well had it been for him if he had yielded to the good impulse. But Dan checked it by saying, "Yes, Duffy's a very good boy now, Tony, he drinks nothing stronger than lemonade. Bring him a glass quick; he's nearly dying of thirst."

"I run quick, save his life then," said Tony.

There was a general laugh at this which made poor Duffy feel very uncomfortable. "Bring beers for all the rest of us, Tony," called out Joe.

As Duffy sat at one of the tables with his companions sipping slowly at his glass of lemonade, the smell of the beer the others were drinking had a most peculiar effect on him. He had thought he was strong enough now to prevent an enter into the very jaws of temptation and resist it successfully, but to one who had been for so long a slave to drink it was an exceedingly dangerous experiment. He began to feel the old longings stealing over him again. Unobserved, Dan changed glasses with him and Duffy had taken a good drink of beer almost before he knew it.

There was a roar of laughter from all the others.

"You've broken it now, Duffy," said Joe. "Come on, old chum, better stop playing at being a teetotal crank and take your glass of beer like a man."

Like a fire burning in his veins the old longing for drink now returned to Duffy and he did not need much urging to partake of more. Ere long he was persuaded to once again take up his old pastime of playing music for the habitués of the grog shop to dance to, the while they plied him with drink. That night he was carried back to the ship by his chums in a state of helpless intoxication, and the news soon flew around the ship that Duffy had broken out.

(To be continued)

NEEPAWA

Six Seekers at Mercy-Seat

Ensign and Mrs. Waterworth

Major Smith was with us for the weekend and we enjoyed soul-inspiring times, not one meeting being dry. The Major surely engaged the children's attention in his talk to them in Company Meeting.

The Salvation Meeting on Sunday night was a blessed time indeed when six seekers came to the Mercy-Seat.

The Band is still going ahead though so many of our Bandsmen have moved away. We were sorely sorry to lose Bandmaster Wright who has shown more than ordinary courage and persistence in his work with the boys, but he goes with the good wishes of the Comrades.—A. O.

SOUTH VANCOUVER

Captain Lucas and Lieut. Baker

In a recent Friday night Meeting we all re-consecrated ourselves for better service. Since then there has been one seeker for Holiness and one for Salvation. On New Year's Eve a crowd gathered to pray the New Year in, and each of us went away with a new sense of faith. On the Sunday following Ensign McPhedran led us throughout the day—R.Mc.

DRUMHELLER

Three Young Women Seekers

Ensign Stride and Lieutenant Crego

At our Holiness Meeting January 6th, there was a united consecration to put forth greater efforts for the Master during the "Pray, Work and Win" Campaign. At night we had the largest number yet present at the Open-Air, and at the close of the inside Meeting we rejoiced to see three young women seek the Saviour.—J.M.

Some Facts and Figures from Vancouver

A good work has been done among the prisoners both in the City Police Court, Okalla Prison Farm and the Penitentiary during the past year. Every opportunity has been afforded our Officers by the police and the authorities at Okalla and by Warden Cooper at the Penitentiary to get in close touch with the men, especially those who need our help.

Rev. Mr. Vert has kindly consented to our holding services with the men on several occasions, which was fully appreciated by the men and ourselves. One lad, when I was bringing him to our Institution, sat back in the car in a dreamy mood and rousing himself asked, "Is it a dream? Am I free?" and then his own answer came "Yes, I am free again." He went to work a few days after and is doing well.

During the year we received from either the Police Court or Prisons 124 men. We supplied them during the unoccupied time before they obtained work with 686 free beds, and 750 free meals. Prisoners assisted before and after release and before and after release. Prisons numbered 307 men, 404 visits were paid to the several Prisons and Court; interviews were held with 232 prisoners; 64 meetings were conducted with an attendance of 13,045 men and women; 2,457 publications were given away; and best of all 58 men and women professed conversion.

W. Cummins, Major.

Some Winnipeg Prison Statistics

During the past year 227 visits have been paid to the Stony Mountain Penitentiary and the Provincial Jail. 112 men have been interviewed and 66 met on their discharge. 725 meals have been given and 280 beds. 34 men have been provided with clothing and 2,600 periodicals have been given away. 34 Meetings have been conducted in which 121 men have professed conversion.—C. Allen, Major.

Eastern Review

Daily noon hour Prayer-Meetings have been inaugurated at the Territorial Headquarters on behalf of the "Win One" Campaign.

It will be remembered that in a previous issue mention was made of the accident with which Mrs. Commissioner Sowton met on Christmas Day. Upon examination after the shaking-up, it was found to be more serious than was at first anticipated, it being revealed that two ribs were fractured. Since the accident Mrs. Sowton has been confined to her home, unable to pursue her usual busy program. She has, however, been blessed with a happy and speedy recovery, so that for the first time, since the accident she went out of doors and attended the Annual Tea of the League of Mercy. Comrades will rejoice over her return to the front of the battle.

The following League of Mercy report was presented by Mrs. Brigadier Green at the annual gathering presided over by Commissioner and Mrs. Sowton. No. of Meetings held, 378; No. of persons visited, 17,411; No. of persons prayed with, 8,315; No. of private homes visited, 147; No. of persons helped, 95; No. of persons written to, 65; No. of persons professed conversion, 196; No. of "War Cry" distributed, 32,779; No. of "Young Soldiers" distributed, 7,058.

That Colonel Taylor is well introduced to his new position as Resident Secretary for Emigration Affairs, is evidenced by the fact that a series of gatherings will be held by him in Montreal shortly, at which all the Immigration Staff will be present. Special Meetings will be held at several of the Corps in the city.

Brother Utman, Hamilton III, is proclaimed champion Xmas "War Cry" boomer, having disposed of 1,735 copies.

Commissioner and Mrs. Hodder

WILL VISIT

Manitoba Agricultural College.....Sunday, Jan. 27th (3 p.m.)
Brandon (Anniversary Services).....Sun.-Mon., Feb. 3rd & 4th
Elmwood (Winnipeg VII).....Sun., Feb. 10th (11 a.m. & 7 p.m.)
Hanna.....Thursday, Feb. 14th
Drumheller.....Friday, Feb. 15th
Calgary.....Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 16th & 17th
High River.....Monday, Feb. 18th
Lethbridge.....Tuesday, Feb. 19th
Coleman.....Wednesday, Feb. 20th
Macleod.....Thursday, Feb. 21st
Taber.....Friday, Feb. 22nd
Medicine Hat.....Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 23rd & 24th

Prison Work

At Port Arthur Industrial Farm

The service at the Port Arthur Industrial Farm was attended by forty-five men. Sergeant-Major Fox gave a profitable address. The Jail is visited every Sunday and many men are advised and helped. Services are conducted at the Industrial Farm every fortnight. Quite a number of men come to the Army on their release and are assisted in various ways.

One day a woman called and gave me a letter which she said she had received from a friend of hers in the States. She asked me if I would deliver it to two boys, brothers, who were in Jail here. I did so and was privileged to read the letter. The boys had been brought up well but had got the "wanderlust". They left home in an auto and after considerable travelling here they found themselves in this district. Here they got into trouble and were sentenced to two months in prison and deportation.

I had a good talk with them in the warden's office and they confessed that they had found "what seemed the brightest was not always so." The U. S. Consul took their case in hand and eventually they were sent back home. I later received a very fine letter from the mother thanking me for the interest taken in her wayward boys by The Salvation Army.

E. Waterston, Ensign.

Vancouver Citadel

Four Men Seek God
Adjutant and Mrs. Merritt

Although the "Cry" Correspondent seems to have been remiss in his duties of late there has been a sure, steady work going on. A noticeable feature recently has been that several persons listening at the Open-Air have followed the march and eventually found their way to the Penitentiary.

On New Year's night we had a profitable and enjoyable gathering for Soldiers and friends. Adjutant Merritt presided and called upon Major Cummins, the Y.P.S.M., to report upon the work among the Young People during 1923. Treasurer McCulloch, who has been at the centre of the Corps work either as Secretary or Treasurer for the past fifteen years, also reported on the financial side of things. The Treasurer also urged all to give systematically.

Although suffering from a severe cold, Brigadier Coombs was able to be present and give a short address urging all to resolve to win at least one Salvationist during 1924. Adjutant Tuttle performed the interesting ceremony of unveiling the Corps Motto for 1924 which is: "Strike for Victory Every Hour", which was selected by the Young People of the Corps.

The first Sunday of the year was an exceptionally good one when the Adjutant gave a very able address, after which four men came to the Penitentiary.—G.A.

A GOOD TIME!

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Coming Events

LIEUT.-COL. and MRS. TAYLOR
Selkirk.....Tues., Jan. 29
Citadel (United Holiness Meeting)
Portage la Prairie.....Fri., Feb. 1
Kenora.....Feb. 24-25
BRIGADIER SIMS
Brandon.....Sat., Jan. 26
Portage la Prairie.....Sun., Jan. 27-28
MAJOR GEORGE SMITH
Fort Rouge.....Mon., Jan. 28
Winnipeg I.....Sat., Feb. 3
Winnipeg (Y.P. Demonstration)
Dauphin.....Thurs., Feb. 7
St. James.....Sat.-Mon., Feb. 9-11
Melville.....Sun., Feb. 17
Watrous.....Tues., Feb. 19
Saskatoon I.....Wed., Feb. 20
Saskatoon I.....Thurs., Feb. 21
Edmonton I.....Sat.-Mon., Feb. 23-25

MAJOR JOHN HAKBIRK
Swan River Thurs. to Mon., Jan. 24-28
STAFF-CAPTAIN OAKE
Saskatoon.....Sat., Jan. 26
STAFF-CAPTAIN PENFOLD
Calgary.....Sun., Jan. 27
STAFF-CAPTAIN HAKBIRK
McFurt.....Fri.-Sun., Jan. 25-27
Humboldt.....Mon., Jan. 28
Saskatoon II.....Wed., Jan. 30
Saskatoon I.....Fri., Feb. 1
Kamsack.....Sat.-Tues., Feb. 2-5
Pelly.....Wed., Feb. 6
Johnson's Home.....Thurs., Feb. 7
Kamsack.....Fri., Feb. 8
Yorkton.....Sat.-Mon., Feb. 9-11
Melville.....Tues., Wed., Feb. 12, 13
Saskatoon I.....Fri., Feb. 15
N. Battleford Sun.-Thurs., Feb. 17-21
Saskatoon II.....Mon., Feb. 25
Saskatoon I.....Wed., Feb. 27

United Holiness Meetings

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Major Carter.....Fri., Jan. 25th
Lieut-Colonel Taylor.....Fri., Feb. 1st
Major Merritt.....Fri., Feb. 8th
Major Carter.....Fri., Feb. 15th
Brigadier Sims.....Fri., Feb. 22nd
Lieut-Colonel Morris.....Fri., Feb. 29th

Central Bible Class

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by

LIEUT.-COLONEL
PHILLIPS

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League of Mercy

Cheers the Patients in the King
Edward Hospital

Although the Winnipeg League of Mercy is welcome at all Institutions where it is privileged to visit, yet nowhere is it more welcome than at the King Edward Hospital in Port Rouge. This was clearly shown when the League, accompanied by Mrs. Lieut-Colonel Taylor and a number of Field and T.H.Q. Officers, visited there and for an hour or more entertained the patients to music and song.

The League in their usual good way, also carried around trays their usual treat to all patients able to partake. This too was appreciated. After the short program we joined together in singing that old hymn, known to all, "What a Friend we have in Jesus," after which Mrs. Taylor, who had presided over the gathering, closed in prayer. May God bless the League of Mercy in their work for Him in such places.